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Maine Fishermen Want Anti-Seining Smelt Law Repealed.

Smelt fishermen of Edgecomb, Me., who have been in the habit of reaping a great harvest by seining smelts in years past are complaining bitterly over the new state law which prohibits their seining in inland waters within a certain district.

Catching by hand lines is so slow that the fishermen say they cannot make an average day's pay. It has been reported, too, that the wardens themselves are not in sympathy with the law, although they are morally obliged to see that it is enforced.

Smelt fishermen along the coast and inland rivers are making preparations to seek the law's repeal at the next session of the legislature. There is a heavy demand for smelts from the Boston and New York markets, but shipments are falling off.

Herring Reported Off Boothbay.

A report was received at Portland Thursday that herring has been seen off the entrance to Boothbay harbor. It was hardly credited, however, but the steamers Elthier and Pet at once left port to land some of the fish if there should be any of them swimming around in those waters.

Two Mackerel Netters.

Two of the mackerel netters were here this morning, sch. M. Madeleine having 240 large fish and sch. Little Fanny 90.

Bound Here With Fish Cargo.

Br. sch. Helen Vair, bound here from Grand Bank, N. F., with 240,000 pounds of salt cod, harbored at Sandy Point, N. S., recently.

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FISH IN DEMAND AT T WHARF.

BAD WEATHER ALMOST CAUSES NEAR A FAMINE AMONG THE DEALERS.

The bad weather of the past four days has raised havoc with the fresh fish supply and this morning T wharf, with not a box left over from last week and with but 38,000 pounds in sight in the four trips in, was practically up against famine conditions.

It was a hard opening for the week. There was a big demand and little or nothing to fill it with. Sch. Moaniam, in from off-shore, had 8000 pounds of haddock, 2000 pounds of cod and 10,000 pounds of hake and will get nearly a thousand dollars for this handful of fish, for haddock went at \$5.50 and cod sold at from \$5.50 to \$8.50. Of this latter big price the sch. W. H. Reed and sloop Klondike got the benefit, they being over from the Plymouth grounds with 3000 pounds each of netted new fish. Sch. Volant completed the quartette of arrivals and she hailed for 12,000 pounds of pollock, which sold at \$3.60 per hundred weight.

For the week ending Friday night, 86 fishing vessels arrived at T wharf, bringing 1,656,400 pounds of fresh fish, against 163 arrivals for the corresponding week last year, with 2,229,000 pounds of fresh fish.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are: Sch. Moaniam, 8000 haddock, 2000 cod, 10,000 hake. Sch. W. H. Reed, 3000 cod. Sch. Klondike, 3100 cod. Sch. Volant, 12,000 pollock. Haddock \$5.50 per cwt.; cod, \$5.50 to \$8.50; pollock, \$3.60; hake, \$3 to \$4.

Portland Fish Notes.

There is an extreme scarcity of market fish at the present time in Portland, some of the dealers Friday being unable to fill their orders. The vessels of the Portland fleet all went out early, but on reaching the fishing grounds were unable to make a set, owing to the weather conditions, there being a living gale of wind, with a choppy sea. The vessels all came scurrying back to port during Saturday forenoon with the exception of the schooners George H. Lube and Lochinvar, which undoubtedly sought shelter at the eastward. The only fish brought in Friday was about 200 pounds, landed by a South Portland boat fisherman, who made his catch with his dory half full of water, coming perilously near to swamping.

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MORE COD FROM NEWFOUNDLAND.

BR. SCH. HELEN VAIR BRINGS 265,000 LBS. FOR DAVIS BROS.

Another cargo of Newfoundland salt codfish arrived here yesterday, the British sch. Helen Vair, from Grand Bank, bringing 265,000 pounds, consigned to Davis Bros.

The bad weather has completely tied up the shore and market fleet and they remained in port yesterday as it blew too hard to make an attempt to fish.

This morning sch. Ellen C. Burke landed 7000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly hake, at the Fort and sch. Appomattox took out 3000 pounds of pollock.

The high wind interferes with the operations of the torchers. Saturday night they brought over but 40 barrels and last night's catch amounted to but 30 barrels.

Sch. Eglantine brought down from Boston 400 barrels of salt herring which had been in cold storage up there and which will be packed here by Gorton-Pew Fisheries Company.

Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Br. sch. Helen Vair, Grand Bank, N. F., 265,000 lbs. salt cod. Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Appomattox, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.

Torchers, 70 bbls. fresh herring.

Sch. Eglantine, Boston, freighting, 400 barrels of salt herring.

Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Oriole, Newfoundland frozen herring trip.

Sch. Clintonia, Newfoundland frozen herring trip.

Sch. Sylvania, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Miranda, Newfoundland herring trip.

Sch. Hope, pollocking.

Sch. Viking, pollocking.

Sch. Mary T. Fallon, pollocking.

Sch. Good Luck, pollocking.

Sch. Galatea, shore.

Sch. Actor, shore.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, pollocking.

Sch. Priscilla, pollocking.

Sch. Matthew S. Greer, haddocking.

Sch. Thomas S. Gorton, haddocking.

Sch. Teazer, halibuting.

TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for mediums and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock \$1.75.

Pollock \$1.75.

Cusk, large \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Salt whiting \$2 per bbl.

Fledged halibut 9c per lb.

Halibut fins, \$18 per bbl.

Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt.; medium \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.

Bank halibut, 14c per lb. for white and 11c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large 24½c and 25c each.

Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.

Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.

Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.

Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.

Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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Two More Steam Trawlers About Half Completed.

At the Fore River shipyard, Quincy, rapid progress is being made on the two new steam trawlers building for the Bay State Fishing Company of Boston. They are already 50 per cent. completed, and will be ready for launching in about four weeks. Like the four others of this type now running regularly to T wharf, the two new vessels will bear the names symbolic of the sea—Surf and Swell. Built on the same lines as the Spray, Foam, Ripple and Crest, the latest trawlers will be somewhat larger. The new 40-ton Scotch boilers will be brought up from Bath this week to be installed into the steamers. The Surf and Swell will be commissioned about January 1.

New Schooner Coming Here.

A handsome 125 ton fishing schooner is being built at Grand Bank, N. F., which will make her maiden trip to this port. She is being built for John Smith of Harbor Breton, and will be launched the latter part of this month and will at once load with salt codfish which she will sail with for this port. It is expected she will be on her way in less than two weeks from the time of launching.

No U. S. Consulate at Shelburne, N. S.

This is the time of year, more than any other, when American fishing vessels visit Shelburne harbor, sometimes for shelter, or perhaps, for repairs or it may be to land sick fishermen. Probably more of these vessels call at Shelburne in a year than at any other Nova Scotia port, yet there is no American Consulate agency there which often times causes no little annoyance to the American skippers.—Yarmouth, N. S., Post.

Trawler Ripple At Newport.

The steam trawler Ripple is in at Newport, R. I., this morning, with a small fare of fresh fish, which is being shipped by express, to T wharf, Boston. The Spray had 15 barrels of haddock, 4 barrels of cod, one barrel of hake and 3 barrels of mixed fish.

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IMPORTANCE OF THE FISHERIES.

As an industry, fishing yields the United States the respectable yearly product of \$54,031,000. This is well over half the annual gold output, or of the barley crop. It is over twice the rye crop and nearly twice that of flaxseed. It is three times the value of the rice crop and five times that of buckwheat.

This is certainly a good record and the best of it is that there are indications all along the line that the business is to be increased by the adoption of all the modern appliances for catching, curing and marketing the catch.

Boston is to build new wharves and everything will be right up to date to accommodate its constantly increasing fishing industry and Gloucester, Portland, Provincetown and other ports, will keep up with the procession to the best of their ability and secure their share of the business. There is room enough and business enough to reward healthful enterprise in catching the fish. That's the important matter to attend to and as the country is growing and foreign markets require a goodly supply, the outlook is certainly of an encouraging nature and is so considered by those whose brains and capital are engaged in this pursuit. We wish them abundant prosperity.

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From the Herring Fleet.

A dispatch received Saturday from Bay of Islands, N. F., reports herring scarce there now, but still quite plentiful at Bonne Bay. Sch. Maxine Elliott, on her second trip, arrived at Bonne Bay Friday, and sch. Alice R. Lawson was loaded and ready to sail Sunday for home. Sch. Theodore Roosevelt sailed from Bay of Islands Saturday for home with a cargo of salt herring.

Sch. S. P. Willard, with a cargo of salt herring, was at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday and cleared for this port.

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Fishing Fleet Movements.

Schs. Benjamin A. Smith, Marsala, and Esperanto, were at Louisburg, C. B., on Thursday and cleared for the fishing ground.

Sch. Raymah was at Liverpool, N. S., on Thursday and cleared the same day for the fishing ground.

Sch. Stiletto was at Louisburg, C. B., Friday and cleared the same day.

Sch. Elsie cleared from Canso, N. S., Friday.

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FRESH FISH AT SKY HIGH FIGURES

THIRTEEN VESSELS GET TOP NOTCH PRICES FOR THEIR TRIPS.

There is nothing unlucky about the 13 crafts which are at T wharf this morning with fish fares. Indeed each and every one of them is more than lucky for with cod and haddock selling at the sky figure of \$9 per hundred weight a good financial return is assured from only a handful of fish.

Of the fleet in, two are pollockers, three market boats and the rest cod netters from over on the Plymouth spot. The dealers were certainly hungry for fish, in fact they were more hungry even than on yesterday, when, as is the case today, there isn't anywhere near enough fish to go around.

In what fish there was in there were just 5500 pounds of haddock and these were snapped up at the \$9 figure. The Plymouth netters had about all the cod there was in, 29,000 pounds in all and the newest kept pace with haddock in hitting a high price mark. Some cod went at \$7, but \$9 was the general going figure. Hake sold at \$4 and \$6.30 and pollock brought \$4.30 and \$5.

Boston Arrivals.

The fares and prices in detail are:

Sch. Elizabeth W. Nunan, 2500 haddock, 1000 cod, 1000 hake, 500 cusk, 500 pollock.

Sch. Ralph Russell, 6000 pollock.

Sch. Tecumseh, 2000 haddock, 200 3000 hake.

Sch. Rita A. Viator, 1000 haddock, 100 cod, 2000 hake.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, 4500 pollock.

Sch. Nettie, 4000 cod.

Sch. Maxwell, 4300 cod.

Sch. Lillian, 5000 cod.

Sch. Reliance, 4000 cod.

Sch. Sylvester, 4200 cod.

Sch. W. H. Clement, 2500 cod.

Sch. Etta B., 2500 cod.

Sch. Wodan, 2000 cod.

Haddock, \$9 per cwt.; cod, \$7 to \$9; hake, \$4 to \$6.30; cusk, \$5; pollock, \$4.30 to \$5.

Foreign Salt Mackerel Market.

The foreign salt mackerel market keeps buyers guessing, says the Fishing Gazette, and those who have been holding off for the last few weeks have had to pay steadily increasing prices whenever they were forced to fill immediate spot orders. All kinds of Norway and Irish salt mackerel are very closely held and the holders are insisting rigidly on list prices. No. 1 new fat Norway's were marked up this week \$2 a barrel, the quotation now being \$34 and \$35, instead of \$32 and \$35. Irish is up a half a dollar, being quoted at \$15 to \$16, instead of \$14.50 and \$15.50, and the end does not appear to be in sight.

Importations of salt mackerel have fallen off in the last week but Boston received last week 595 barrels of Irish from Liverpool. Last week Boston received 1,106 barrels; New York, 320 barrels; Baltimore, 789 barrels, and New Orleans, 160 barrels. The total shipments from Liverpool up to Nov. 4 are given as 13,193 against 56,890 barrels up to the same date last year. Liverpool also notes shipment of 8,861 barrels of 1911 Norway to this market up to Nov. 4. Under date of Nov. 11, Liverpool, Eng., authorities give 800 barrels as the shipment of Irish salt mackerel to Boston for that week, while 1,100 barrels was the total for all other American ports. The count was 300 to 350 to a barrel.



# FRICION AT NEWFOUNDLAND.

## Gloucester Skippers Fined on Charges of Alleged Smuggling.

### Action of Authorities Condemned by Local Fishermen.

That matters incident to the prosecution of the herring fishery at Bay of Islands, N. F., have been going in anything but a smooth manner ever since the season opened in October, is well known to all in this city, who are connected with the business.

Viewed from here and from what can be learned from letters and press dispatches, it seems that a well defined plan of harrassing the Americans is being carried out in a most vigorous manner, by some authority. So marked has been the campaign in some particulars that even Newfoundlanders themselves have cried out against it and the resident fishermen at Bay of Islands have denounced the prosecutions of American skippers, characterizing the proceedings at nothing short of persecution.

The state department is doubtless cognizant of many facts in the situation, as A. B. Alexander, who represents the department in the observation of this fishery, arrived at Birchy Cove last Friday night and by this time has probably reported conditions and affairs as they are.

In the light of present fishery conditions and the commercial connections at present existing between this port and the Island Colony, the recent acts of some of its officials are not easily understood.

#### Three Gloucester Captains Arrested and Fined.

A press dispatch from Bay of Islands yesterday said:

"Charges of smuggling have been laid against three Gloucester skippers within a week and two of the captains have been fined by a local magistrate.

"The Newfoundland government recently started a vigorous campaign against smuggling, but the action of the magistrate in prosecuting the American captains has been denounced by resident fishermen, who characterize the proceedings as persecution.

"Capts. Doucette and Miller were brought before the magistrate last week, and Capt. Doucette was fined \$200.

"The latest arrest was in the case of Capt. Matheson of the sch. Alcha, who, it is alleged, smuggled 25 lbs. of tobacco into Newfoundland a year ago.

"Schooners are allowed to bring 40 lbs. of tobacco into the colony, but because the 25 lbs. mentioned in the complaint were not down on the schooner's manifest, Capt. Matheson was fined \$125 after being kept in jail for day and a night.

"Capt. Matheson claims that that magistrate reduced the fine from \$125 to \$60, but when the magistrate discovered later that Capt. Matheson had \$250 in his possession he reversed his decision and required the skipper to forfeit \$125. Inspector O'Reilly conducted the prosecution."

#### Newfoundland Unwilling to Agree on Working Agreement.

Ever since The Hague tribunal de-

cision, matters affected by that award have been allowed to go along about as they were before, while the Newfoundland and United States authorities have been trying to arrive at some sort of a satisfactory business like working agreement which would make it unnecessary to call for a sitting of the mixed commission to pass on the reasonableness of the Newfoundland fisheries regulation.

A working agreement was quickly and quietly affected with Canada, but Newfoundland, which was the first to ask for conference, has continued to hold off and so matters have been allowed to stand as they were. Newfoundland wants no sitting of the mixed commission to pass on her regulations, which were characterized as "damnable" by one of the members of the tribunal, but perhaps, in the light of the way things are going at Bay of Islands, it might be well for the United States to call for the convening of the commission.

As long as nothing is done and Newfoundland petty officials are allowed to do about as they please with American skippers and vessels they will probably continue to do so.

In the opinion of many, who are conversant with the general facts, it is about time to "draw the line."

#### Former Gloucester Craft Now a Sealer.

Sch. Thomas F. Bayard, formerly of this port, Capt. Blakstad, is back to Victoria, C. B., from the Bhering Sea, the last of the sealing fleet to leave the hunting grounds where sealers may no longer go now for a period of 15 years. The Bayard reached Victoria on the 5th, according to the Colonist of that city, after a stormy passage south. She had 824 sealskins and seven sea otter pelts to show for the season's work. The Bayard landed her Indian hunters at Clayoquot on the way south. Seals were plentiful in Behring Sea, but the weather was too rough much of the time to allow of a great deal of hunting, and the canoes were lowered only 14 times during the season.

#### Claim Pacific Codfish Trust.

Alexander Woodside and the Pacific States Trading Co. claim that a trust in codfish is being operated on the Pacific coast, and that this combination keeps up the price to an unreasonable extent, and has frozen out competitors that would not conform to their demand. As a consequence, they have filed a suit in the Federal Court of San Francisco for \$80,000 damages against three corporations said to control the combination.

#### Portland Fish Notes.

Fish arrivals continue very light, at Portland, the only one reported Sunday being sch. Fannie Hayden with 6000 pounds, and she has been lying in Bluehill Bay for a week waiting for a chance to get back here.

Tug M. Mitchell Davis arrived from Portsmouth Sunday and left for Gloucester yesterday with sch. Mary Weaver, which has chartered to load a cargo of herring there for Lubec.

#### Stock and Share of Sch. Cynthia.

Sch. Cynthia, Capt. Jeffery Thomas, stocked \$3000 as the result of her recent Scatteri fresh fishing trip, the crew sharing \$74 clear.

## SCH. CAVALIER BROUGHT HALIBUT

FRESH FISH SHIPPED TO BOSTON TO GET BENEFIT OF HIGH PRICES.

With the market fleet held in port by bad weather and but few of the off-shore fleet due, things are sort of quiet here in the fish arrival line.

Yesterday afternoon sch. Cavalier, Capt. Robert E. Poiper came in from the eastward, with 10,000 pounds of halibut, 35,000 pounds of salt cod and 20,000 pounds of fresh fish.

The gill netters were most all out yesterday and came back before dark, bringing about 20,000 pounds of fresh fish, mostly haddock, all of which was shipped to Boston and this morning for the big prices.

The "guinea" boats also landed a few fish at the Port wharf and last night the torchers brought over 75 barrels of fresh bait.

#### Today's Arrivals and Receipts.

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Sch. Cavalier, halibuting, 10,000 lbs. halibut, 35,000 lbs. salt cod, 20,000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 3600 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Weazel, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Steamer Eagle, gill netting, 2000 lbs. fresh fish.

Sch. Flavilla, shore.

Sch. Moanam, via Boston.

#### Vessels Sailed.

Sch. Mary E. Harty, eastern deck handlining.

Sch. Thomas Brundage, Boston.

Sch. Wm. H. Rider, pollocking.

Sch. Valentinn, pollocking.

Sch. Waldo L. Stream, halibuting.

Sch. Gov. Foss, haddocking.

Sch. Mary E. Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Mary Edith, haddocking.

Sch. Manomet, haddocking.

Sch. Mary DeCosta, haddocking.

Sch. Mary P. Goulart, haddocking.

Sch. Annie and Jennie, haddocking.

Sch. Harriett, haddocking.

Sch. Adeline, haddocking.

Sch. Jeanette, haddocking.

Sch. Mary B. Greer, haddocking.

Sch. Ellen C. Burke, haddocking.

Sch. Slade Gorton, haddocking.

Sch. Jorgina, haddocking.

Sch. Cynthia, haddocking.

Sch. Edith Silveira, haddocking.

Sch. Elva L. Spurling, haddocking.

Sch. Leo, haddocking.

Sch. Rose Standish, haddocking.

Sch. Yankee, haddocking.

#### TODAY'S FISH MARKET.

##### Salt Fish.

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.

Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for mediums and \$3 for snappers.

Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.

Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.

Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.

Eastern halibut, codfish, large \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.

Haddock \$1.75.

Pollock \$1.75.

Cusk, large \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.

Hake, \$1.75.

Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.

All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.

Salt whiting \$2 per bbl.

Fetched halibut 9c per lb.

Halibut fins, \$18 per bbl.

##### Fresh Fish.

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.

Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt.; medium \$2.10 per cwt.

Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.

Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.

Snapper cusk 60c.

Hake, \$1.45.

Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.

Bank halibut, 13c per lb., for white and 10c for gray.

Fresh mackerel, large 24½c and 25c each.

#### Bait Prices.

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.  
Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.  
Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.  
Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.  
Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

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#### Pensacola Fishing Notes.

A magnificent catch of snapper and grouper rewarded the efforts of the fishermen off the Campeachy Banks last week says the Pacific Fisherman in its weekly letter from Pensacola, and the outlook is fine for the current week. Of snapper, 338,875 pounds and grouper, 29,960 pounds were delivered here by the Saunders and Warren fleets; a total of 368,835 pounds of fish. Seven vessels of the Saunders fleet and eight of the Warren fleet made port at the beginning of the week with their catch.

E. E. Saunders & Co.—Smack Albert Geiger, 22,145 pounds, red snapper, 3880 pounds grouper; smack Ida M. Silva, 22,065 pounds red snapper, 6035 pounds grouper; smack Alciano, 26,430 pounds red snapper, 6035 pounds grouper; smack Susie Harper, 30,000 pounds red snapper; smack Caviare, 25,120 pounds red snapper, 3885 pounds grouper; smack Canaler, 19,690 pounds red snapper; smack Ruth A. Wells, 24,150 pounds red snapper, 155 pounds grouper.

Warren Fish Co.—Smack Clara P. Sewall, 30,725 pounds red snapper, 715 pounds grouper; smack Osiala, 29,535 pounds red snapper, 3500 pounds grouper; smack Alamo, 29,035 pounds red snapper; smack Isabele, 16,720 pounds red snapper; smack Henry Wixan, 21,700 pounds red snapper, 4550 pounds grouper; smack A. Franklin, 8000 pounds red snapper; smack Emma Dean, 9725 pounds red snapper, 1235 pounds grouper; smack Mary L. Warthy, 23,275 pounds red snapper.

The smack Favorite came into Pensacola, Fla., from the snapper banks, bringing a catch of 22,000 pounds. Her captain reports having maintained an average speed of 11 miles an hour from the Campeachy Banks to that port, making the trip in 55 hours. Just as she was about to berth, but before her mainsail was lowered, she was struck by the gale and the sail was torn to shreds.

#### Fulton Fish Market Notes.

All things considered, business in the salt water fish market was only fair during the past week, says the Fishing Gazette. Prices on nearly all varieties, notably groundfish, were high and the supply shore. Some frozen fish was called out to fill orders. Only two smacks reached the market; the Earle and Nettie having 2200 codfish, of which 1300 were alive. The Ester Anita had 28 bluefish and eight sea bass. Two smacks are yet to be heard from, the Faustina, of Cheseboro Bros. fleet, and the General Grant to S. L. Storer & Co.

Four carloads of western white halibut reached the market. Cheseboro Bros. had one; John Feeney, one, and New England Fish Co., two. Western whitefish brought a shilling to 14 cents. Eastern whitefish was quoted at 16 cents to 18 cents.

In the groundfish line, market cod sold at 4 cents to 7 cents; steak cod, 7 cents to 11 cents; haddock, 5 cents to 8 cents; hake, 4 cents to 6 cents, and pollock 3 cents to 4 1-2 cents. The high prices prevailed on all varieties with the exception of steak cod, during the latter part of the week. Steak cod on Thursday and Friday was quoted at 8 cents to 8 1-2 cents per pound.

There appeared to be much more Boston mackerel in the market than there was any call for.

Frozen shore herring brought 3 1-2 cents to 4 cents per pound. There have not been any Newfoundland frozen herring in the market as yet.

#### Chinese Fish Drying Establishment.

At Santa Monica, Cal., a great fish-drying establishment is engaged in catching and drying hundreds of tons of fish which find a ready sale in inland mining camps and in certain foreign ports, says the San Francisco Chronicle. The industry is Chinese, the labor all being performed by the people of that race. The fish are small, and are caught in monster nets. They are carried ashore and placed on wire screens stretched over the hot sands, and the sun, which shines almost constantly, so completely removes all moisture from the fish that they can be packed in boxes and shipped to the mining camps all through western states. Where the laborers are Chinese or Japanese they find a ready sale.



**Provincial Cod Prices Went Up.**

That the views of Halifax buyers were wrong and that those of the Lunenburg bankers were right, has been made manifest of late, says the Halifax Maritime Merchant. Merchants who were taking \$5 and \$5.50 for bank codfish during September and early October were finally glad to get supplies at \$6.50 to \$6.75, and today they would probably contract at the latter figure for the remainder of the season if holders were willing to accept such terms. About two-thirds of the Lunenburg summer catch of codfish has already been disposed of, and the remainder is being held at something over \$6.75 per quintal, perhaps \$7 as an extreme figure.

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**Sch. Independence II. Made Fine Stock and Share.**

Sch. Independence II., Capt. John McInnis, weighed off 269,000 pounds of salt cod as the result of her recent dory handline trip, making the fine stock of \$13.72714, the average share being \$237.27 and the high line of the crew making \$316.48.

**Here for Herring.**

Sch. Mary Meader is at this port from Portland, to secure a cargo of herring for the smokers at Lubec, Me.

**Halibut Sale.**

The fare of halibut of sch. Cavalier sold to the New England Fish Company at 13 cents per pound for white and 10 cents for gray.

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**Portland Fish Notes.**

All the vessels of the Portland fishing fleet got their first opportunity for nearly two weeks to reach the fishing grounds yesterday and the local wholesale fish dealers believed that the shortage of fish in Portland would be relieved this morning when the vessels were expected to return to port with average fares. Not a single pound of fresh fish was landed at Commercial or Central wharf yesterday forenoon and the dealers found it impossible to fill even one-third of their orders. The continued severe weather and rough seas have kept all fishing vessels in port and not over 30,000 pounds of market fish have been brought into Portland during the past two weeks.

Some decidedly interesting and keen bidding for the promised fish fares of the vessels is expected as the dealers are anxious to secure the fish and the alleged "Portland fish trust" is now a thing of the past. All the dealers are out to purchase fish for themselves and as a result of the rivalry and the scarcity of fish record high prices have ruled the past month. A few small boats brought in a few market fish Monday and the fish were sold as high as seven cents per pound to the local dealers.

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**Record Smelt Fishing.**

A. L. Young and W. H. Prior of Boston returned to their homes yesterday from West Southport, Me., carrying with 97 pounds smelt caught by them yesterday with handlines. This catch is considered the record ere for one tide. The fish are reported plenty in that vicinity.

**Loading Salt Herring for Halifax.**

Sch. Henry M. Stanley, formerly of this port and now owned at Bay of Islands, N. F., by parties who bought, floated and repaired the hull after the craft was lost at North Arm Point two winters ago, is loading at Bay of Islands with salt herring for Halifax. A week ago she had 500 barrels on board.

**Harbored at Shelburne, N. S.**

The British schooner The Gay Gordon, which recently took out a large cargo of salted Newfoundland codfish at this port and took on a general return cargo here, for Belleoram, N. F., harbored at Shelburne, N. S., Saturday and cleared again the same day.

**MARKET BOATS STOLE A SET.**

**RECEIVED BIG PRICES FOR HADDOCK AND COD FROM FORT WHARF DEALERS.**

Some of the market boats which went out from here yesterday managed to steal a set yesterday and the blowy weather sent most of them back in here this morning. It being too rough and windy to take a chance of fishing today. Some of the boats got from 3000 to 7000 pounds of fish, while others got but few and some did not like the looks of things and kept their gear on deck.

This morning, schs. Viking, Mary E. Silveira, Mary DeCosta, Jorgina, Mary P. Goulart, Ellen C. Burke and Elva L. Spurling took out at Fort wharf to the Gloucester Fresh Fish Company, A. Cooney & Co. and Luffkin & Tarr. They received fancy prices for their catches, haddock and cod bringing as high as \$7.10 per hundred weight.

Yesterday afternoon the gill netters came in, most of them having small hauls, steamer Rough Rider with 4000 pounds leading the fleet, the total catch of which was 12,000 pounds, mostly pollock.

Late yesterday two of the mackerel netters came in, sch. Massasoit bringing 133 fish, and sch. M. Madeleine 70 fish, for which they got 20 cents per fish.

The torchers managed to get some herring last night, bringing over 80 barrels.

The new gill netting steamer Naomi Bruce, owned and commanded by Capt. Michael Shoares, one of the leaders of the fleet, made the first lift of her nets yesterday and brought in 4000 pounds of fresh fish to show for her maiden trip.

**Today's Arrivals and Receipts.**

The arrivals and receipts in detail are:

Steamer Margaret D., gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Prince Olaf, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Rough Rider, gill netting, 4000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Weazel, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Eagle, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Mindora, gill netting, 1500 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Quoddy, gill netting, did not lift nets.  
Sch. M. Madeleine, shore, netting, 70 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Massasoit, shore, netting, 133 large fresh mackerel.  
Sch. Viking, shore, 1500 lbs. pollock.  
Sch. Mary E. Silveira, shore, 7000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary DeCosta, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Jorgina, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Mary P. Goulart, shore, 6000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Adeline, shore.  
Torchers, 80 bbls. fresh herring.  
Sch. Mary Edith, shore.  
Sch. Mary B. Greer, shore.  
Sch. Jeanette, shore.  
Sch. Ellen C. Burke, shore, 5000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Sch. Elva L. Spurling, shore, 3000 lbs. fresh fish.  
Steamer Naomi Bruce, gill netting, (maiden trip), 4000 lbs. fresh fish.

**Vessels Sailed.**

Br. sch. Gardner M. Hollett, Newfoundland.

**TODAY'S FISH MARKET.**

**Salt Fish.**

Salt mackerel, \$30 per bbl. for large and \$19.75 for small.  
Salt trawl bank codfish, \$4.75 per cwt. for large, \$4.25 for mediums and \$3 for snappers.  
Handline Georges codfish, large \$5.75, medium \$5, snappers \$3.  
Salt "drift" codfish, large \$5.25, medium \$4.75.  
Salt bank dory handline cod, \$5.25 per cwt. for large and \$4.75 for mediums.  
Eastern halibut, codfish, large \$5.50, medium, \$4.75.  
Haddock \$1.75.  
Pollock \$1.75.  
Cusk, large \$2.50, medium \$2; snappers \$1.50.  
Hake, \$1.75.  
Eastern shack cod, \$4.75 for large and \$4.25 for mediums.  
All codfish with napes picked bring 25c over the above price.  
Salt whiting \$2 per bbl.  
Fletched halibut 9c per lb.  
Halibut fins \$18 per bbl.

**Fresh Fish.**

Haddock, \$1.15 per cwt.  
Large cod, \$2.60 per cwt.; medium \$2.10 per cwt.  
Peak and Western Bank fresh codfish \$2.60 per cwt. for large and \$2.10 for mediums.  
Cusk, large, \$1.80, medium, \$1.20.  
Snapper cusk 60c.  
Hake, \$1.45.  
Dressed pollock 90c, round 80c.  
Bank halibut, 13c per lb., for white and 10c for gray.  
Fresh mackerel, large 24½c and 25c each.

**Bait Prices.**

Frozen bluebacks, \$2.50 per cwt.  
Frozen herring, \$2.50 per cwt.  
Fresh herring, \$2.50 per bbl.  
Salt shore herring, \$1 per bbl.  
Frozen squid, \$2.50 per bbl.

**Fresh Mackerel at Halifax.**

Sch. Gladys Elena landed 1000 large fresh mackerel at Halifax, N. S., on Saturday.

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**COASTERS MADE LONG TRIPS.**

**PROVINCIAL SCHOONERS STORM BOUND AT THIS PORT SINCE NOVEMBER 14.**

It was a close race between the two masted British schooners Union and Lotus as to which made the slowest passage from the Provinces to Boston. Both craft, which put in here for shelter November 14, to escape the heavy gale of that night and following day, and have been storm bound here up to yesterday, reached Boston yesterday afternoon, the Union being 28 days from River Herbert, N. S., and the Lotus 27 days from St. John. The latter took almost a month to go 267 miles—about 10 miles a day. There's a reason, though, for the snail-like pace set by the two-stickers. Both skippers are careful men and put into various harbors along the way.

**SCH. ARKONA LOST RUDDER.**

**Put Into Liverpool, N. S., on Way Home From Virgin Rocks.**

Sch. Arkona, Capt. Newman Wharton, is at Liverpool, N. S., with her rudder gone. The craft, which is one of the dory handline fleet, was bound home from the Virgin Rocks, with 180,000 pounds of salt cod when the mishap occurred.

Capt. Wharton wired that the rudder was lost during bad weather, off Cape Sable, but he managed to work the craft back to Liverpool by steering with the sails.

The craft will fix up at Liverpool and then sail for home.

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**Fishing Facts and Fancies.**

Some Pacific coast fishermen have expressed the opinion that the Panama Canal will probably result in an interchange of fish species between the Pacific and Atlantic Oceans. They do not believe, however, that any but the Gulf lower Atlantic and lower Pacific fish will be affected.

Pacific coast herring packers complain that Holland and Norway herring packers can deliver their pickled fish at Chicago cheaper than the Alaskan packers can. It costs only \$1.40 to ship a barrel of herring from Europe to Chicago, while to ship a barrel of herring from Alaska to Chicago costs \$3.50. Equalization of that situation by the railroads would doubtless result in the establishment of large herring pickling plants in the American North Pacific, says the Pacific Fisherman.

The final report of William J. Chalmers, receiver for the old fisheries concern of A. Booth & Co., from September, 1908, to May, 1909, has been made to the United States Circuit Court in Chicago. It shows the payment of \$1,051,150, or about 21 per cent, to the creditors holding claims of \$5,000,000. The remaining \$10,000 received by sale of the concern's assets went to the receiver and his counsel.

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**FROM THIRTEEN TO TWENTY-THREE**

**BUT SKIDDOW FIGURES BRING GOOD LUCK TO VESSELS AT T WHARF.**

Things looked a little better at T wharf this morning, for the dealers found 23 crafts in with fares when the bell rang, while yesterday 13 arrivals were reported. But when the fares were totalled up and the aggregate was only 165,000 pounds, it was seen that while it was an improvement over the past few days, still there was far from being enough or anywhere near enough to supply the demand of the retail dealers, whose patrons have been practically fishless for several days.

But those who want to eat fish today and tomorrow will surely have to pay big money for them as the prices which the dealers paid the fishermen was in keeping with the short supply and the hungry demand. Haddock sold generally at \$7 and \$7.50 and it was the same story on codfish. One off shore trip of 29,000 pounds, from South Channel, which Capt. Bart Whalen brought in sch. Quannapowitt sold at the handsome figure of six cents per pound right through for everything, hake, scrod and all.

All the vessels had bran new fish, most of them bringing only the result of one hurry-up set yesterday. Several of the little Plymouth netters were in again with from 2000 to 5000 pounds each of cod, selling at the top of the market. Sch. Good Luck, one of the pollock fleet, lived up to her name by being in with the only fare of black backed fish of the day and sold them at \$5.25 per hundred weight.

Everything in sight was quickly taken up by the dealers and the 165,000 pounds of fish were transferred from holds to boxes and barrels about as fast as ever it was done on T wharf. Now the dealers are looking for more and worrying about tomorrow, for they realize that it is blowing hard this morning and the market fleet stands a poor chance of getting even a short set today.

**Boston Arrivals.**

The fares and prices in detail are:  
Sch. Manomet, 1600 haddock, 500 cod, 2500 hake.  
Sch. Blanche F. Irving, 400 haddock, 5000 cod.  
Sch. On Time, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Lillian 2000 cod.  
Sch. Jennie H. Gilbert, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Good Luck, 5000 pollock.  
Sch. Valentinna, 500 haddock, 2500 cod.  
Sch. Mary Emerson, 5000 cod.  
Sch. Metamora, 5500 haddock, 500 cod, 3500 hake.  
Sch. Annie and Jennie, 3900 haddock, 200 cod, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Sadie M. Nunan, 7000 haddock, 700 cod, 5000 cusk.  
Sch. Olive F. Hutchins, 6000 haddock, 3000 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Quannapowitt, 15,000 haddock, 5000 cod, 9000 hake.  
Sch. Harriett, 1900 haddock, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Matthew S. Greer, 3500 haddock, 2000 cod, 3500 hake, 2000 cusk.  
Sch. Washakie, 5000 haddock, 2000 cod, 3000 hake.  
Sch. Evelyn M. Thompson, 3000 haddock, 500 cod, 1000 hake.  
Sch. Juniata, 1000 haddock, 5000 hake.  
Sch. Richard J. Nunan, 8000 haddock, 900 cod, 6000 hake.  
Sch. Yankee, 3000 haddock.  
Sch. Flavilla, 4000 haddock, 500 cod, 1500 hake.  
Sch. Warren M. Goodspeed, 2000 haddock, 600 cod, 6000 hake, 2000 pollock.  
Sch. Albert W. Black, 2000 haddock, 2000 hake.  
Shore haddock, \$7 to \$7.50 per cwt.; shore cod, \$7 to \$7.50; hake, \$3.25 to \$6.25; pollock, \$5 to \$5.25; cusk, \$5.  
Offshore fare of sch. Quannapowitt sold at \$6 per cwt. right through, for everything.

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**Bound Here With Codfish.**

The British sch. Alameda, from Burin, N. F., for this port, with a cargo of salt codfish, harbored at Liverpool, N. S., Saturday, and cleared the same day for this port.

**Sch. Preceptor Spoken.**

Steamer Volturno, which arrived at Halifax Saturday from Rotterdam, report on Friday passed fishing sch. Preceptor of this port, 400 miles from Halifax.